



Summer Food Service Program



Bulletin

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USDA Policy Memos, Information & Implementation Memos:

1. SFSP02-2017 – Q&A Purchasing Goods and Services Using Cooperative Agreements, Agents and Third-Party Services

To view previous USDA policy memos, visit:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/policy>

Additional Topics:

- FRAC Planning Calendar (*attachment*)
- Smart Food Planner Resource
- No Kid Hungry: Youth Engagement Toolkit
- USDA Blog – Serve More Meals in 2017 at Rural Housing Properties
- Upcoming Webinars & Conference Calls

Program changes as a result of USDA Policy Memos are to be implemented immediately. Please file this bulletin for reference, guidance and compliance with the Summer Food Service Program. Feel free to call the Child Nutrition Programs office if you need further clarification.

USDA Policy Memos, Information & Implementation Memos:

1. SFSP-02 ***Q&A Purchasing Goods and Services Using Cooperative Agreements, Agents and Third-Party Services***
This memorandum provides general guidance on the various procurement groups FNS has identified, how to use each group in a way that complies with Federal procurement standards, and supersedes SP 35-2015, Procuring Services of Purchasing Cooperatives, Group Purchasing Organizations, Group Buying Organizations, etc. dated June 12, 2012. This memorandum applies to all Child Nutrition Program operators.

Additional Topics

- **FRAC Summer Nutrition Programs Year-Round Implementation Calendar**
The Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) has developed two implementation calendars and plans to give sponsors – and the anti-hunger and child advocates who support them – a step-by-step guide to successfully prepare, promote and execute the Summer Nutrition Programs. Please see the attached PDF resource for more information.

- **Smart Food Planner Resource**

Alliance for a Healthier Generation's Smart Food Planner is a one-of-a-kind tool that meets the healthy meal planning needs of schools and out-of-school time sites that serve youth nationwide. In addition to robust product search functionality for a wide variety of healthy foods and beverages, this tool allows users to view interactive sample [menus](#) and recipes and share comments or suggestions with one another. We invite you to explore the new tool and to share it with schools, afterschool and summer programs, and community partners that you work with that have an interest in finding healthy food options for youth.

- **No Kid Hungry: Youth Engagement Toolkit**

One in five kids in America can't count on always getting the food they need. No Kid Hungry and the Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation firmly believe that the No Kid Hungry promise to connect every kid to healthy food every day cannot be fulfilled without help from the next generation of young leaders. This new toolkit provides an understanding of "what works" in engaging youth, with tools that can be used to broaden the base and immediately engage youth support in the fight to end childhood hunger. Learn more and download the [toolkit](#).



- **USDA Blog – Serve More Meals in 2017 at Rural Housing Properties**

[USDA Blog, October 26, 2016](#)

During summer 2016, more than 300 Rural Housing Service Multi-Family Housing properties participated in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), an increase of 121 additional affordable housing communities compared to 2015, and nearly triple the number from 2014. For 2017, officials are aiming for at least one SFSP site at a USDA-financed Community Facility in each state. Click on the link above to read the rest of the post and to find out how to work with local USDA Rural Development Offices to serve more summer meals next year!

- **Upcoming SFSP Webinars & Conference Calls**

- FRAC – Food Policy Councils and Summer Nutrition Programs, **Thursday, December 1st, 9:00AM AST**. With their understanding of food insecurity and the local nutrition landscape, Food Policy Councils are a great group to engage in summer meals advocacy and outreach. Join this call to hear about the exciting role that Food Policy Councils can play in expanding participation in the Summer Nutrition Programs. Click [here](#) to register.

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Commonly Used Acronyms

SFSP – Summer Food Service Program
CNP – Child Nutrition Programs
WRO – Western Region Office
FNS – Food & Nutrition Services
FNSRO-Food & Nut. Services Reg. Office
USDA – U.S. Department of Agriculture
EED – Education & Early Development
DEC – Department of Conservation
LEA – Local Education Agency



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